

Questions and Answers on WIPP M&O RFP (Q.11– Q.15):

Q11. H.4(d) states Incumbent Management Employees who the Contractor has no obligation to hire as stated in H.4(b), are defined as “WTS management personnel that are currently in first and second level managers in the WTS management organization and above.” We assume the first level is the current WTS General Manager and the second level refers to the current WTS General Manager’s direct reports. Is this assumption correct?

A11. The right of first refusal is not applicable to first and second level managers in the WTS management organization, i.e., General Manager and direct reports. However, the Contractor has the prerogative to establish its own management structure. Therefore, although the Contractor is required to offer employment to all incumbent employees below the first and second level managers, the Contractor is not required to offer those employees the same position.

Q12. Section C 2.3 states “Goal 3: Complete disposition of 90 percent of the legacy transuranic waste by the end of fiscal year 2015.” Does the volume of “legacy transuranic waste” of Goal 3 include both “WIPP Bound” and “potential TRU” waste identified in DOE/TRU-10-3425, or is the Goal based solely on currently designated “WIPP Bound” waste?

A12. The Goal 3 legacy inventory is based solely on waste designated in DOE/TRU-10-3425 as “WIPP Bound”, however; the Goal 3 inventory is made up of currently managed volumes and the DOE/TRU-10-3425 identified volumes are projected final form after any required repackaging and/or treatment.

To complete Goal 3 and also maintain 26 shipments per week, the plan is to complete the characterization and certification of all legacy TRU waste at Savannah River Site (SRS) by the end of CY12 (3,532 m³ as of 6/30/11). Shipments of SRS legacy TRU waste will continue until completed.

Following completion of SRS legacy TRU, CCP will stay and characterize SRS new gen waste in FY13 (749 m³ estimated) then move resources to Oak Ridge to characterize, certify and ship their legacy CH and RH TRU waste in FY14 after LLW/MLLW is segregated from the inventory (1,307 m³ as of 6/30/11 before LLW/MLLW segregation). CCP will then move resources to Hanford to resume characterization, certification, and shipping in late FY14 or early FY15 (11,372 m³ as of 6/30/11).

CCP will continue characterization and certification of retrieved CH TRU pit waste (2,935 m³ as of 6/30/11) and RH TRU (146 m³ as of 6/30/11) from the INL-ICP and legacy sludge waste for the INL- AMWTP (approximately 1,400 m³). All Idaho TRU waste is shipped by CCP.

CCP will continue characterization, certification, and shipping from LANL at rates that will remove all TRU waste from TA-54, Area G by the end of FY15 (5,936 m³ legacy TRU waste as of 6/30/11 and up to 250 m³ per year of new gen).

Q13. H.6(a)(1)(b) and H.6(a)(2)(b) refer to a written communications plan that seem to be the same deliverable. Please clarify which due date applies (ten days or fifteen days after contract award) if they are the same deliverable, or clarify the difference if they are two separate deliverables.

A13. These are two different requirements and deliverables. Section H.6(a)(1)(B) is a copy of the written communications plan that the Contractor has developed. The communications plan required by Section H.6(a)(2)(B) is the plan that has actually been established with the WTS Contractor. The solicitation will be amended to clarify.

Q14. I.51 requires a Material Data Safety Sheet to be submitted prior to award. In order to comply with this requirement, will the DOE provide the current hazardous material list from the incumbent?

A14. No. I.51 requires the apparent successful Offeror to submit, for each item as required prior to award, a MSDS. Offerors are required to submit a list of any hazardous material to be delivered under the contract.

Q15. Deliverable 48 requires reports to be submitted annually NLT October 31. Will the initial reports be completed by the incumbent prior to contract turnover, or will the successful offeror be required to prepare the reports during the first month of the new contract?

A15. The Contractor that has the full responsibility for performing the PWS at the time of the deliverable due date has the responsibility for submitting the reports.